

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, newly submitted Claims 110-125 will be pending in this application and presented for examination. Claims 1-109 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced. Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 110, 111 and dependent claims 112-119 find support, for example, on page 40, line 19 through page 45, line 13; and in Example 13, on 87, line 11 through page 89, line 16.

Claims 112 and 113 find support, for example, on page 89, line 3. Claims 114-117 find support, for example, on page 12, line 5 through page 17, line 2, in particular on page 15, lines 15-17 and on page 45, lines 16-18. Claim 118 finds support, for example, on page 45, lines 2-7.

Claim 119 finds support, for example, on page 17, line 5 through page 20, line 17, and on page 39, lines 29-33. Claims 120-122 find support, for example, on page 17, line 5 through page 18, line 25. Claim 123 finds support, for example, on page 89, line 1. Claim 124 finds support, for example, on page 40, lines 19-24. Claim 125 finds support, for example, on page 39, lines 29-33. Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced with the newly added claims.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to ensure that the specification is commensurate with the drawings. Support for the amended description of Figure 3 is found, for example, on page 82, lines 31-33, bridging to page 83, lines 1-7. Support for the amended description of Figure 4 is found on page 89, lines 22-27. Support for the amended description of Figure 5 is found on the figure as filed. Thus, no new matter has been introduced with the foregoing changes.

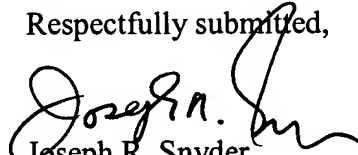
Applicants have also amended the specification to include Sequence ID numbers corresponding to the paper copy of the sequence information attached to the application herein.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early action on the merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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